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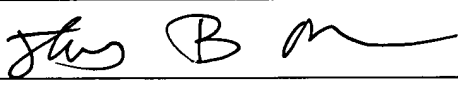
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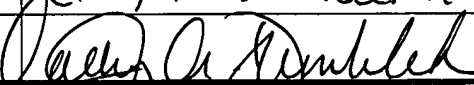
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In response to the Office Action mailed August 18, 2004, applicant makes the following elections:

Applicant elects the invention of Group II described by claims 20-51 and drawn to a drive system of a vehicle. Applicant further elects the species of Figure 5. All of the claims 20-51 of Group II read on the elected species. Claims 20-27 are generic to both species.

Respectfully submitted,

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